

CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

1. A method for monitoring activities of a person transferring content from one computer resource to another computer resource, comprising the steps of:
 - 5 receiving from a user a first insertion point or replacement area from a first user interface to a destination computer resource, said insertion point or replacement area being user-selected;
 - providing a source user interface to a user-selected source computer resource upon user command;
 - 10 receiving a user selection of content to be transferred from said source user interface to said first insertion point or replacement area;
 - automatically copying said selected content to a transfer buffer;
 - capturing and recording one or more source reference data items corresponding to said selected content; and
 - 15 automatically generating a human-readable monitor report containing said recorded source reference data items and an indicator of said an identity of said user.
2. The method as set forth in Claim 1 further comprising the step of transmitting
20 said monitor report to an online learning administrator.
3. The method as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said step of capturing and recording one or more source reference data items is performed in a manner

which is undetectable by said user.

4. The method as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said step of recording one or more source reference data items comprises capturing a source identifier selected
5 from the group of a file name, a path name, a folder name, a server name, a Uniform Resource Locator, and a network address.
5. The method as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said step of recording one or more source reference data items comprises capturing a system time, a system date,
10 or both a system time and date.
6. The method as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said step of recording one or more source reference data items comprises capturing an author identifier for said source information.
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7. The method as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said step of recording one or more source reference data items comprises capturing a publication date for said source information.
- 20 8. The method as set forth in Claim 2 wherein said step of generating a human-readable monitor report comprises a step selected from the group of creating an electronic mail message, creating a text file, creating a binary data file, and printing a report on a printer.

9. The method as set forth in Claim 1 further comprising the steps of providing an administrator graphical user interface through which an administrator may view stored monitor reports for one or more students.

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10. The method as set forth in Claim 9 wherein said step of providing an administrator graphical user interface further comprises providing a user interface function selected from the group of a report sorter, a report filter, and a report search function.

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11. The method as set forth in Claim 10 wherein said step of providing a user interface function comprises providing a user interface function criteria specifier selected from the group of a student's identification, a class of students, a maximum number of references consulted, a list of allowed references for consultation, and a list of disallowed references for consultation.

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12. A computer readable medium encoded with software for monitoring activities of a person transferring content from one computer resource to another computer resource, said software performing the steps of:

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receiving from a user a first insertion point or replacement area from a first user interface to a destination computer resource, said insertion point or replacement area being user-selected;

providing a source user interface to a user-selected source computer resource upon user command;

receiving a user selection of content to be transferred from said source user interface to said first insertion point or replacement area;

5 automatically copying said selected content to a transfer buffer;

capturing and recording one or more source reference data items corresponding to said selected content; and

10 automatically generating a human-readable monitor report containing said recorded source reference data items and an indicator of said an identity of said user.

13. The computer readable medium as set forth in Claim 12 further comprising software for transmitting said monitor report to an online learning administrator.

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14. The computer readable medium as set forth in Claim 12 further comprising software for capturing and recording one or more source reference data items comprises software which is undetectable by said user when being executed.

20 15. The computer readable medium as set forth in Claim 12 further comprising software for recording one or more source reference data items comprises software for capturing a source identifier selected from the group of a file name, a path name, a folder name, a server name, a Uniform Resource

Locator, and a network address.

16. The computer readable medium as set forth in Claim 12 further comprising software for recording one or more source reference data items comprises capturing a system time, a system date, or both a system time and date.
17. The computer readable medium as set forth in Claim 12 further comprising software for recording one or more source reference data items comprises software for capturing an author identifier for said source information.
18. The computer readable medium as set forth in Claim 12 further comprising software for recording one or more source reference data items comprises software for capturing a publication date for said source information.
19. The computer readable medium as set forth in Claim 13 further comprising software for generating a report selected from the group of an electronic mail message, a text file, a binary data file, and a printed report.
20. The computer readable medium as set forth in Claim 12 further comprising software providing an administrator graphical user interface through which an administrator may view stored monitor reports for one or more students.

21. The computer readable medium as set forth in Claim 20 wherein said software for providing an administrator graphical user interface further comprises software for providing a user interface function selected from the group of a report sorter, a report filter, and a report search function.

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22. The computer readable medium as set forth in Claim 21 wherein said software for providing a user interface function comprises software for providing a user interface function criteria specifier selected from the group of a student's identification, a class of students, a maximum number of references consulted,
10 a list of allowed references for consultation, and a list of disallowed references for consultation.

23. A system for monitoring activities of a person transferring content from one computer resource to another computer resource, the system comprising:

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a first insertion point or replacement area received from a first user interface to a destination computer resource, said insertion point or replacement area being user-selected;

a source user interface to a source computer resource through which said user can manipulate said source computer resource;

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one or more user-selected information elements to be transferred from said source user interface to said first insertion point or replacement area;

an automatic copier configured to copy said user-selected information elements to a transfer buffer;

a source reference data item recorder configured to capture one or more source reference data items corresponding to said selected content upon operation of said automatic copier; and

5 a monitor report generator adapted to automatically generate a human-readable monitor report containing said recorded source reference data items and an indicator of said an identity of said user.

24. The system as set forth in Claim 23 further comprising a report transmitter adapted to transmit said monitor report to an online learning administrator.

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25. The system as set forth in Claim 23 wherein said source reference data item recorder is configured to capture and record one or more source reference data items in a manner which is undetectable by said user.

15 26. The system as set forth in Claim 23 wherein said source reference data item recorder is configured to capture a source identifier selected from the group of a file name, a path name, a folder name, a server name, a Uniform Resource Locator, and a network address.

20 27. The system as set forth in Claim 23 wherein said source reference data item recorder is configured to capture a system time, a system date, or both a system time and a system date.

28. The system as set forth in Claim 23 wherein said source reference data item recorder is configured to capture an author identifier for said source information.
- 5 29. The system as set forth in Claim 23 wherein said source reference data item recorder is configured to capture a publication date for said source information.
30. The system as set forth in Claim 29 wherein said monitor report generator is
10 further configured to generate a report selected from the group of an electronic mail message, a text file, a binary data file, and a report on a printer.
31. The system as set forth in Claim 23 further comprising an administrator
15 graphical user interface through which an administrator may view stored monitor reports for one or more students.
32. The system as set forth in Claim 31 wherein said administrator graphical user
20 interface further comprises a user interface function selected from the group of a report sorter, a report filter, and a report search function.

33. The system as set forth in Claim 32 wherein said user interface function comprises a user interface function criteria specifier selected from the group of a student's identification, a class of students, a maximum number of references consulted, a list of allowed references for consultation, and a list of
- 5 disallowed references for consultation.